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APPENDIX A: MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

7. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a compound of claim 4 [claim 1].

8. (Amended) The composition [of claim] of claim 7, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

9. (Amended) The composition [of claim] of claim 7, in combination with an additional growth hormone secretagogue.

10. (Amended) A method for elevating the plasma level of growth hormone in a mammal comprising administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 [claim 1] so as to elevate the plasma level of growth hormone.

11. (Amended) A method for the treatment of growth hormone secretion deficiency comprising administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 [claim 1] so as to treat the growth hormone secretion deficiency.

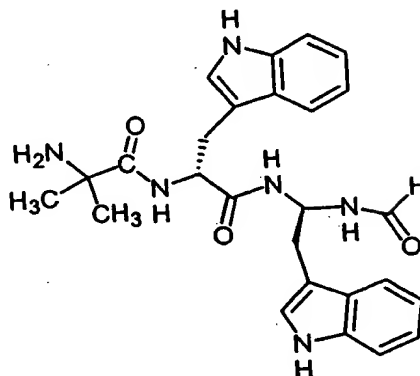
12. (Amended) A method for the treatment of growth retardation in a child comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 [claim 1] so as to treat the growth retardation.

13. (Amended) A method for the treatment of metabolic disorders associated with growth hormone secretion deficiency [, in particular in aged subjects,] comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 [claim 1] so as to treat the metabolic disorder.

14. (Amended) A method for promoting wound healing, recovery from surgery or recovery from debilitating illnesses, which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 [claim 1] so as to promote the healing or recovery.

APPENDIX B: PENDING CLAIMS

4. A compound which is



7. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a compound of claim 4.
8. (Amended) The composition of claim 7, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
9. (Amended) The composition of claim 7, in combination with an additional growth hormone secretagogue.
10. (Amended) A method for elevating the plasma level of growth hormone in a mammal comprising administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to elevate the plasma level of growth hormone.
11. (Amended) A method for the treatment of growth hormone secretion deficiency comprising administering to a mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to treat the growth hormone secretion deficiency.
12. (Amended) A method for the treatment of growth retardation in a child comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to treat the growth retardation.

13. (Amended) A method for the treatment of metabolic disorders associated with growth hormone secretion deficiency comprising administering to a patient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to treat the metabolic disorder.

14. (Amended) A method for promoting wound healing, recovery from surgery or recovery from debilitating illnesses, which comprises administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound according to claim 4 so as to promote the healing or recovery.

15. (New) The compound of claim 4 in the form a salt thereof.